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THE PRESS SHOULD PROTECT HIM.

By Victor L. Berger.

THAT Christian Rudowitz is not going to be extradited to Russia was a foregone conclusion after the press and the liberal elements of our country had taken up the matter.

For while of course Elihu Root and the plutocratic clique behind him were more than willing to extradite Rudowitz, it was simply impossible for them to do so, in the face of the indignation stirred up all over the country by the brutal deal of the Russian government.

It was evident that the overwhelming majority of the American people were not ready to go back on the usages of every civilized government and on the history and tradition of our own country by extraditing a political refugee.

However, it is mainly due to the vigilance and agitation of the Socialists that the fight was made. Otherwise Rudowitz would have been quietly extradited by the bought tool of the Russian government, Court Commissioner Mark Foote of Chicago.

Rudowitz is now safe, but the case of another refugee, Jan Pouden, is by no means settled.

Pouden's position is very similar to that of Rudowitz.

He was a member of a revolutionary band called the "Forest Brothers." The Russian government claims that while the Forest Brothers had revolutionists in their ranks, the aim of the brotherhood was not revolution, but robbery. According to the Russian government, the wife of Jan Pouden—she is now in a village poorhouse in Russia with her seven children—and a Russian chief of police and the notaries of four villages, have given testimony against him.

Of course, we do not know what this woman has testified. She is entirely in the hands of the Russian government, being in the poor house with her children. And there is no assurance at all that she has not said just the contrary of what the Russian government claims she has said. But there is proof that at least one of the children, a girl of eight years, has been tortured by the Russian police, to compel her to furnish evidence against her father.

And as for the testimony of the village notaries, and the chief of police, they being Russian officials, it is of course worthless.

On their combined testimony no civilized government would extradite a yellow dog, to let alone a human being.

Under these conditions, it is rather contemptible of Elihu Root, and it plainly shows his damnable sympathy with the bloody misrule of the Czar, that he offered the Russian blood hounds further time and told them to complete their case by sending in additional "proofs" that the Forest Brothers committed robberies. This would make out Pouden to be a common criminal and then he could be extradited.

The press of the country ought to take up the case of Pouden as it took up the case of Rudowitz. Both cases are absolutely identical, only Pouden was supposed to be more of a leader than Rudowitz, who is only a very ordinary Lettish peasant. The Russian reaction is therefore so much the more anxious to get Jan Pouden.

However, if Jan Pouden should be turned over to the Russian hangman to be tortured to death, then the name of Elihu Root will go down in history loaded with as much contempt, as the name of another secretary, Wm. H. Marcy—who almost went to war in order to save a political refugee in 1853—shines out in honor.

And I hope that at least Theodore Roosevelt will never be a party to such a shameful proceeding.

Victor L. Berger

WAS IT PROPHECIC?

AS to the personality of Theodore Roosevelt—the flower of capitalistic America, the embodiment of 'strenuous life,' and by accident also the youngest president the United States has ever had—little can be said that is not generally known. He was born in 1858 in New York of an old Dutch family that gave an alderman to the city of New York for six generations. 'Teddy' graduated at Harvard university at the age of 22, was elected to the assembly of the state of New York at the age of 23, was chairman of the New York delegation to the Republican national convention at the age of 25, and was a candidate for mayor of the city of New York at the age of 28 (in 1886). Vote: Hewitt, 90,555; Henry George, 68,110; Roosevelt, 60,435. He was a United States civil service commissioner from 1880 to 1895; after that, from 1895-1896 a police commissioner of New York city, 1897-1898 assistant secretary of the navy, 1898 colonel of the Rough Riders, 1898 governor of New York, November 6, 1900, elected vice-president of the United States and became president by the death of William McKinley. Between all these he found time to write books—about a dozen volumes or so—and to manage a ranch in the Bad Lands in North Dakota. He is married and has a family of six children, which is quite contrary to the custom of the American capitalist class. It can be said that with the exception of Thomas Jefferson, Theodore Roosevelt is probably the best educated man that ever became president of the United States. He also has the reputation of being an enthusiastic reformer. In short, Theodore Roosevelt has had all the advantages that wealth for generations, a strong body and excellent training can give.

"Yet, with all these, I predict a signal failure for Theodore Roosevelt as president of the United States. This failure will be especially glaring, should an industrial crisis—a so-called panic, which is due within a few years—set in during his first or second administration, for it goes without saying that he will be renominated and re-elected because the poor, decrepit and split up Democratic party cannot elect a president any more, and the Socialists are still too weak.

"I base my prediction of utter failure for Roosevelt—and when I say utter failure I mean that even a large element of his own class and his own party will consider him a failure—upon the fact that although he likes to pose as a reformer, like so many strong men of his class—for instance, Bismarck—he fails to understand the significance of the social problem, the meaning of the class struggle and the mission of the proletariat. His surroundings and bringing up have prevented him from seeing the other side of the main question of today.

"While a reader of history to some extent, he has evidently never studied the history of civilization, at least his writings and doings do not show that he has in any way grasped the tremendous change that has not only undergone in the means of production, but also in the make-up of the producers.

"While an infinitely stronger man than McKinley, and fully as willing a tool of plutocracy, he will do it great harm by making 'strenuous' efforts to perpetuate its rule, by trying to make plutocracy 'behave itself.'

"We look to Roosevelt to do Socialism and Social-Democracy a similar service to that which Bismarck did in Germany—that is, this country being a republic and having a democratic form of government, Roosevelt naturally will not be able to go even as far as the Iron Chancellor, yet 'Teddy' will do whatever he can.

"But the working people of America will stand. And the working people of America will fight."—Victor L. Berger in SOCIAL-DEMOCRATIC HERALD of Sept. 28, 1901, under the heading: "He Will Be a Failure."

In answer to a correspondent who wants to know about the claims given out before election that the Socialists were in danger of carrying the Eighth Congressional district (the mining belt) of Ohio, we would say that the prediction of victory made by Hay-

wood and others was wildly optimistic. The Republican candidate had 24,000, the Democratic candidate 23,000, and the Socialist just 725. We think it would be better for the movement if a little more caution were exercised in prediction statements.

Says Labor of St. Louis: "John I. Beggs, chief of the North American company, that owns practically all the public utilities of St. Louis, is laying his political wires for the spring election." Of course, he doesn't do such things in Milwaukee, O, no!

That the volcanic fires of true Christianity have died out in the churches is again shown by the putting together of the two following paragraphs:

"The first three weeks of the old-age pension law in England, which became operative Jan. 1, developed the appalling fact that one person in every twenty in England and Wales is a pauper. In wealthy London the ratio is one in fourteen of the inhabitants!"

"The Methodist Missionary Society of England and the United States has appealed to Theodore Roosevelt to help Christianize the inhabitants in Africa."

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, said the following at a banquet of the Economic club, Hotel Astor, New York city, the other night:

"Any student of sociology or political economy will agree that labor creates all wealth. This being true, it is a self-evident truth that labor is entitled to a fair share of the wealth it has created. Yet, even in the beginning of the last century, it was a well established principle that the laborer's wage should be fixed at the lowest possible rate compatible with mere existence."

This is a good sample of "pure and simple" logic. Labor produces all wealth, therefore labor should have a part of the wealth! As he faced the big exploiters round the board, Stone probably felt that he was devilish radical!

The government now claims that one hundred and ten millions of dollars' worth of public land has been stolen from the public domain—enough to start one hundred and ten millionaires on the highroad after more wealth.

And it is no "frothy agitator" (to use a clerical coinage) who makes this claim, but the secretary of the interior, with all the facts secured by the government sleuths to base a judgment upon.

Most of this stupendous thieving has taken place west of the Mississippi and the honorable thieves, like most honorable thieves are doubtless "respectable" enough to get money fines, at most, even if the honorable courts do not find some "honorable" technicalities by which they may escape punishment entirely.

According to Carl Marr, the great painter of Germany, now revisiting America, man's inhumanity to woman under the capitalist civilization is nowhere more marked than in the artist colonies in the cities of the Fatherland.

"Marriages between artists and their models are almost unknown in Germany," he said, "and on the rare occasions when this has oc-

THE CLAIMS OF SOCIALISM

We claim a great deal for Socialism. For instance, we say it will provide employment—healthy, honest employment for all who desire it at all times. It will give us—that is the whole nation—not only collective ownership of the means of life and the tools and instruments whereby they are obtained, but also the democratic control of these things. It will give to the workers collectively the full product of their toil instead of first sharing out the product with the middleman, the master, and the landlord, as we do today. It will eliminate profits, interests, rents, and other taxes which the workers pay to the shirkers. It will make the proper housing, feeding, clothing, and educating of each member of the community not only a possibility, but an absolute duty. It will ensure an equal opportunity in life for all. It will promote a spirit of friendship and brotherhood amongst the nations. When two countries quarrel the workers always pay—Labor Leader.

It is a well known fact that the artist as well as his wife has been put under a ban and cut off from social intercourse with the rest of the artist colony. I have known men of promising careers utterly blasted because of such a marriage, and the ostracism that followed, and this despite the fact that the model was a woman of acknowledged beauty and personal magnetism. It is utterly impossible for a woman who has been a model in Germany to hide her past in that country, for she is sure to be discovered."

Women are such unclean creatures—and men are so clean!

CAPITALIST WARS.

John Ruskin, in "Unto This Last."—It is one very awful form of the operation of wealth in Europe that it is entirely capitalists' wealth that supports unjust wars. Just wars do not need so much money to support them; for most of the men who wage such wars are not capitalists; they are men of men's bodies and souls have both to be bought; and the best tools of war for them besides, which makes such war costly to the maximum; not to speak of the cost of base fear and angry suspicion, between nations which have not grace nor honesty enough in all their multitudes to buy an hour's peace of mind with; as, at present, France and England, purchasing of each other ten millions sterling worth of other ten millions sterling worth of confectionery annually (a remarkably light crop, half thorns and half aspen leaves sown, reaped and granaried by the "science" of the modern political economist, teaching covetousness instead of truth).

And all unjust war being supportable, if not by pillage of the enemy, only by loans from capitalists, these loans are repaid by subsequent taxation of the people who appear to have no will in the matter, the capitalists will be the primary root of the war; but its real root is the covetousness of the whole nation, rendering it incapable of faith, frankness or justice, and bringing about, therefore, in due time, his own separate loss and punishment to each person.

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Unless we are much mistaken there is a fellow living almost next door to you that is wondering why you, a Socialist, do not put some of your literature in his way. Eh, how about it?

"Socialism Made Plain" is a fine book to place in your neighbor's hands. It is convincing and it is spicy at the same time.

WATCH FOR THE HERALD FARMER EDITION! Feb. 27.

NEXT WEEK: A story by Ernest Poole, entitled, "The King and the Spaghetti." Also an article by Robert Hunter on "Lincoln, the Emancipator."

Professor Charles Bushnell of Washington, D. C., in a recent lecture said: "IN THE PRINCIPAL COUNTRIES OF EUROPE THE SOCIALISTS HAVE NOW SET THE MAIN ISSUE FOR EVERY POLITICAL PARTY. AND IT APPEARS TO BE ONLY A QUESTION OF TIME, AND NOT A VERY DISTANT TIME, WHEN THEY WILL DO SO IN AMERICA."

THE COST OF LIVING.

Prof. Joseph Francis Johnson of the university of New York presents this nut for our doctors of political and social economy to crack: "It took \$3,623 last year to pay for necessities of living that could be bought for \$2,500 in 1897. Sixty-nine cents ten years ago had the buying power of \$1 today."

And the thing is growing more threatening and more onerous for the family with a moderate fixed income every day. Indeed, unless some relief is had the cost of living by 1911 will have become double what it was in 1897. There was a disastrous financial panic in 1907 that shrunk every estate between the two oceans and threw thousands and tens of thousands out of employment, but it brought to none cheaper food, cheaper clothing or cheaper shelter.

Your corner grocer will charge 35 cents for a shot rabbit. The man is scarce so who, as a boy, sold a dozen trapped rabbits for 50 cents. Two dozen years ago a dozen fine, fat and thrifty pullets could be had for \$2. Today one such bird will cost you 75 cents.

It is a demonstrated fact that the English workman eats a cheaper breakfast than his fellow in America, and his table is supplied just as bountifully, if not more so.

The fact is that the tax now levied on beef alone in America amounts to more at a single breakfast than the workman would pay in a week on coffee, if the proposed duty were imposed on it. And the tax on beef is for a trust the most oppressive of all octopuses.

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IN THE WISCONSIN LEGISLATURE.

[Special Correspondence.]

Tuesday, Jan. 26.—Senate.—After the argument by Senator Husting (Dem.) supporting his resolution, Senator Blaine (Progressive Rep.) introduced sixteen specific charges, backed up by extensive citations from the Clarke (Montana) case and Wisconsin statutes.

At this point Senator Gaylord (Soc.-Dem.) arose, and said: "The Social-Democratic party had regarded this matter as a family quarrel, and would not have taken the initiative in the matter of an investigation. But when it comes before us in this form, with specific charges preferred, there is nothing to be done but to vote for the investigation."

"Although the investigation is not demanded by the platform of the Social-Democratic party, it will be of interest to my constituency and to those thousands of others who have no other representative here, because of certain general principles which the inquiry will bring out."

"The case of Senator Stephenson and this senatorial primary is really a temporary one and is incidental to the larger question of the corruption of politics in general. And because the inquiry will furnish more information on this, the real subject of thought in the public mind, it will be of value."

"It has been said formerly, that the caucus system of nominating was the cause, or at least furnished special opportunity for, political corruption. Therefore the primary law was introduced. But the operation of corrupt forces in the primaries proves that the caucus system was not so lame."

"Now there are not wanting those who lay the blame of expen-

sive double campaigns, corrupt because of the sums spent, at the door of the primary itself. Others propose to amend the primary law."

"In the Milwaukee Charter convention last night, the startling statement was made that the very names of national political parties are the cause of all our municipal political corruption. This I deny."

"Others—for many years—have sent up a cry for 'good men' in politics. I call you to witness that the man, who, two, four, six or eight years ago was called by many a 'good man,' is now by those same men very sadly called in question as being possibly a 'bad man.' Notice, please, gentlemen, that the majority of those around whom charges of this kind have centered in recent years, have begun their careers by being elected as 'good men.'"

"So that none of these causes assigned to be accepted as the actual sources of political corruption."

"Were I at this point to enter into a discussion of the real causes, I should undoubtedly be accused of 'making propaganda.' And I forego the tempting opportunity, hoping that another more opportune occasion may present itself."

"Surely it is sufficiently clear that the Republican party is not the first political party to be corrupted. I have not the time, nor you the patience to tell the story, and will simply refer you to the current number of the Success magazine for the whole pitiful story of how, from the days of Alexander Hamilton until this very hour, parties and governments have been corrupted."

"And always it has been by the same influences, viz: the great property holding interests, that have sought to debauch the machinery of government for the benefit of a few."

"And if the magazine writer be thought too irresponsible or radical, let me quote one known and respected by all members of the Wisconsin bar, Gen. Winkler of Milwaukee."

"It was concerning a resolution to be introduced at a now famous indignation meeting in Milwaukee that Gen. Winkler said:

"Should this resolution be adopted, and its provisions carried out, should the Committee of Ten do its work and the grand jury bring in true indictments, it will have no material effect upon graft and the sources of graft in Milwaukee. The events have proved the truth of these words, and I now apply them to this case."

"Though this investigation should take place, and the charges be proven true, even to disqualify Isaac Stephenson for the office of United States Senator, and though following that, you amend, repeal or abolish primary elections—going backward to the caucus or forward to some other device—you will not materially affect the sources of political corruption in Wisconsin."

"You must go deeper than that! Nevertheless, I vote for the investigation."

"A closing word as to the reason. Isaac Stephenson is probably the only one of all the candidates at the recent primary who has not filed his expense account."

"The people of Wisconsin want to know how much he spent, before the legislature elects the United States senator. This was the plain intent of the law, and that is the belief of the plain people of this state. Evasions and subterfuges do not and cannot dodge that point."

"Surely, Mr. Stephenson's friends will not object to carrying the investigation that far!"

"And yet, I do not expect that

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SOME EDITORIAL OBSERVATIONS.

By Frederic Heath.

The school barracks must go!

So far as the average man goes the present system of society is a failure. It does not serve him, it harasses him, and practically dooms him to failure. Think this over.

The people are demanding the reorganization of society on a basis that will permit them to live adequate lives—some of them are demanding it consciously and others unconsciously, by their actions.

In New York the chance to shovel snow has temporarily reduced the midnight bread lines, which is a pretty good answer to the Powderly slander about the unemployed being only "bums."

The veto by the president of a bill to give an individual a valuable water right in Missouri on the ground that the collectivity would lose rights thereby is certainly refreshing, and shows the changing view of such matters that the awakened democracy is forcing even into the operations of government.

A notable lecture will be delivered in Boston tomorrow, the subject being "Socialism and Poverty." The lecturer will be none other than Charles Edward Russell, the well-known magazine writer, who recently joined the Socialist movement.

A Socialist victory is announced from Canada. In the recent by-election in Nanaimo, B. C., Comrade J. H. Hawthorne, of the Socialist party of Canada, was elected to the British Columbia legislature by 283. The capitalist parties combined against him in vain. Sic semper etc!

Marshall Field's estate's property in Chicago is now valued at \$83,450,032.00. This vast sum was made by very many people, each playing his part. But the associated labor stopped just the other side of the pay envelope, as is the case with the rolling up of most great fortunes.

It is estimated that there are 15,000 more girls now inmates of the hamlets of vice in Chicago than at any time in the past history of the city. The hard times is responsible without a doubt. This is what the capitalist system does to woman-kind. Such fearful things are inevitable under such a system.

Rudowitz has been given his life. The awakened people have called out the decision. They saved the government's hand. But they must not be content with this. That diabolical (there's no better term for it) treaty which this government under Cleveland entered into with the czar must be abrogated. It will not be abrogated unless the people compel it. Let them act.

If you don't believe the courts are becoming the arrogant rulers of the people who created them, just read this:

"A newspaper published a misstatement of an opinion handed down by the Supreme court of Rhode Island. In contempt proceedings therefor the paper alleged that the error was unintentional. The court held its good intentions afforded no excuse."

Here's more work for Judge Wright! The New World, the official paper of Archbishop Quigley of Chicago proposes a boycott on the Portland Oregonian for insulting the crozier of the bishop by calling it a crooked stick. "Why not boycott the Oregonian and teach it a lesson in politeness," says the New World. "Can Catholics of Portland be insulted with impunity by an ill-mannered local paper. Hit it!"

CHRISTIAN RUDOWITZ IS GIVEN HIS LIFE!

Washington: In a decision upholding the right of asylum in the United States and establishing a precedent for refusing the return of political offenders to Russia, Secretary of State Elihu Root yesterday denied the demand of the Russian government for the extradition of Christian Rudowitz, whose arrest and trial in Chicago aroused a storm of protest throughout the nation.

The decision is one of the most important which has been given in the history of the nation upon the matter of extradition. It is taken to mean that the United States is a land where political offenders may find refuge. It is believed that the ruling will directly affect the case of Jan Pouden in New York and others who are awaiting trial on similar charges.

The decision is considered important from a legal point of view in that it upholds the right of asylum under the Russian extradition treaty which was signed in 1893

it in the pocket—the most sensitive part of its anatomy." My, if a labor paper talked boycott as plainly as that, all kinds of things would happen!

The Russian duma continues to experience exciting incidents. Pokroffsky, Social-Democrat, has just been expelled for declaring that the Russian government had a hand in the Armenian massacres in 1895. He produced what he said were secret documents that had come into his possession to prove his charge. The nobles and rightists precipitated a rough house so as to drown his words, and the vote of expulsion was taken during the din. The Social-Democrats walked out and broke the quorum, but a compromise was patched up by which the expulsion was changed to suspension for three days.

Last year had more mine disasters than any previous year in history, it is stated, and 1909 has started in to increase the record, hundreds of lives being snuffed out last week in West Virginia and at the Leiter mine in Illinois. The mine owners are trying to put the blame on the men who risk their lives in the mines. They get careless, they say, smoke in the mines, or carry safety lanterns that have become defective. If this is the real reason then proper regulation and inspection, with government regulations behind them, could easily remedy the matter. But the mine operators are not likely to admit their own culpability. It costs money to properly protect the work in the mines, and such outlay of money reduces profits.

Down in Muscatine, Ia., eighty heads of families have been thrown out of employment by the introduction of button machines that do the work as well or better than it can be done by hand labor. And this is only the beginning. More machines are being built and will be installed as soon as possible. If the company had exploded bombs in the homes of some of the workmen the disaster for them would be little more. Yet the introduction of machinery is of benefit to society and will be ultimately to all. Every effort to put the burden of labor on machines is a gain. The only trouble now is that it brings suffering upon the working class. If manufacture were carried on for use and not for profit labor-saving machinery would make work easier, whereas it now makes it harder for the working people. They must suffer the immediate penalties of its introduction.

With regard to the fine of the Standard Oil company in Texas we note the following in the Dallas Laborer:

"But does anyone think the Oil Trust is going to sell oil any cheaper because it has had one of its companies fined and fired? The Harvester Trust was wiser. It acknowledged its guilt. It got out. And the net result to the people of Texas was that the harvester prices to farmers went up immediately so as to cover the cost of the proceedings and to furnish a new additional profit to the 'independent' company which now handles the business. So it will be with the Oil Trust. The people, here, also, will get it in the neck. Further, does anyone think there is no Oil Trust in Texas today? There is already a 'Texas' Oil Co. just as there is a 'Texas' Harvester Co."

And the Laborer very wisely points out that the only settlement for the oil trust problem is for the people to own and operate the industry for their own benefit and not to pile up independent fortunes.

There will be rejoicing all over the country at the ruling, which was practically forced from the administration.

Already there is talk that now the abrogation of the Russian treaty is superfluous, but this is all gammon. The treaty is an abomination and full of future dangers. The Political Refugee Defense League will continue its vigils, and will take up the Pouden case, and probably that of the Mexicans now under arrest in this country. At the national Socialist convention in Chicago last June this latter case came up before the resolutions committee, but no action was taken because there was a claim that the Mexican case grew out of a middle class uprising such as take place incessantly in the South American countries. This hardly seems correct, but the league will carefully establish all the facts.

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CIRCUMSTANCES DO ALTER COURT CASES!

CAPITALISM FINDS ALLIES IN ALL HIGH PLACES.

Some Contrasts That May Well be Powdered by True Americans, Especially Wage Earners.

By Louisa Harding.
(Writes for the HERALD.)

SAMUEL Gompers et al., in their transactions with the Buck's Stove and Range Co., were not to be allowed said Justice Wright, to conspire to "deprive plaintiff of property without due process of law." But when an employer cuts down the wage of workingfolk, that is legal, certainly. Hours of toil are lengthened, thus shortening the lives of those who earn their bread in factories—still according to the law. When the iron jaws of cruelty ungarded machines snap down on human heads and limbs, that is a matter of damages, not of jail without a jury trial—yet one would think the loss of life one for which the "law of 'ers no adequate remedy!" Men—and women more especially—can be "intimidated and coerced" by starvation to slave for a fourth or fifth of what they ought to have, and that's "freedom of contract," and still legitimate. The blacklist does not require publishing in the daily newspaper in order to hold the laborer effectively by the throat; and those who use it need not fear ten minutes in the penitentiary. But let working people stand together in any efficient way, to protect themselves against the inroads of non-union labor, and they soon run foul of "law." In the name of Justice in the abstract—not as it is administered in the District of Columbia—who has made such laws?

Martin Juraw was compelled to give up the names of his comrades who had joined him in revolt against official ruffians and murderers, but the United States Supreme court ruled that E. H. Harriman need not give information about sundry dealings in railroad stock, for, in the words of Justice Holmes, "The power to require testimony is limited, as it usually is in English speaking countries, at least to cases where the sacrifice of privacy is necessary—those where the investigation concerns a specific breach of the law." What end was served by forcing from Juraw the names of those associated with him in the condemnation of the spies? Were any witnesses required to produce the names of

those who were guilty of any "specific breach of the law" on the part of the Russian government? If the opinion of many Americans were asked, they might reply that in thus demanding a "sacrifice of privacy" at the quite possible expense of human lives, Commissioner Foote laid himself open to accusations whose falseness he has not yet proved "with all that fullness and certainty which the law requires," or words to that effect.

I notice that neither the county agent, nor Mr. O. E. Woodbury, who was delegated by the Carpenters' council to look up the matter of hungry children in the Chicago public schools, appears to agree with the comment of Archbishop Quigley's paper, *The New World*. Shortly after Supr. Bodine made public his report, *The New World* said editorially: "Now, if the city would get behind the curtain and see the real cause why many go to school hungry, they would find a nice, restful bed and a lazy, sleepy child locked in the arms of Morpheus, unable to rise and dress and eat in time." A nice, easy solution of the difficulty, isn't it, and has the further recommendation of being VERY CHEAP.

Poor men are still securing space in the daily papers by committing suicide, because they find no work. Fie, can they not starve in proper order, without breaking any portion of the legal code? Can they not meditate upon Republican prosperity, under which this country has thrived so mightily that John Gates can buy fifteen gold finger-bowls to the tune of \$6,000 cash, and ladies at the auditorium hotel may ask to have their "dog trunks," with Fido's extra clothing, sent up without exasperating delay? But as Bishop Spalding will explain to you in his little book, "Socialism and Labor," genius, which gives mere muscle necessary employment, is entitled to a very large reward. John Gates is a genius of the first water, you will recall; but exactly how the owner of the dog trunks had blessed humanity I believe the newspaper reports forgot to state.

Illinois. Louisa Harding.

WHO PAYS CARNEGIE'S GIFTS.

When Mr. Carnegie was before the ways and means committee, during its late tariff enquiry, he said, among many other things: "I had 43 partners, chosen because of merit, and all were millionaires when we sold out in 1901." It may interest some readers to learn where those millions came from:

When the United States Steel corporation, known as "the steel trust" was organized, in 1901, it was absolutely necessary to bring the Carnegie plants into the combination; it would defeat the chief interest of the combination to leave out those plants, a fact well known to Mr. Carnegie. In Dec, 1899, it was testified in court by Mr. Carnegie and others that the cash value of the plants in his name was \$126,000,000. In March, 1901, the steel trust was compelled to pay \$400,000,000 for those plants or abandon the project of monopolizing the steel and iron business of the country. The original intention of the steel trust authors was to capitalize it for \$1,000,000,000, but that little holdup by Mr. Carnegie made it necessary to increase the capital-

ization to \$1,400,000,000, and on that sum the people of the country who buy steel or iron have been paying interest and dividends ever since.

A part of Mr. Carnegie's swag obtained by his huge all hold-ups was \$217,000,000, of the trust's gold bonds, which are practically a blanket mortgage on all the property of the trust. In a deal of this

X-RAYS--By John M. Work

(Written for the HERALD.)

ARE you ready now to quit fooling with alleged reform parties and get into a party that stands for something?

In every city there are organizations whose object is to provide food, raiment and shelter for those who are in absolute want. In other words, to dole out charity to those to whom society ought to guarantee an opportunity to earn a living, instead of compelling them to accept humiliating, degrading charity.

Organized charity has become one of our regular institutions.

Charity is necessary under the present system. But, it always degrades its recipient just the same.

In the meantime, the men who do no useful work, the men who have money invested from which they draw incomes, the men who through their invested capital have a suction pump by which they draw into their own coffers the lion's share of the value of the labor of the rest of the people, those men are rolling in the wealth which they did not earn.

We find, then, that the reason why not all people have enough to eat or possess the comforts and higher privileges of life, is not because there is not enough in existence to supply all—for there is an abundance—but because the few possess the good things and the many cannot get them.

In this country, there never has been a time there was not enough of the necessities of life in existence for all. It is also true that for several decades after this nation came into being, practically no one in the whole country was in want for the necessities of life.

At that time there was a wide domain of idle land. When a man could not get employment working for someone else, the idle land was close by and the tools necessary to till it were simple and inexpensive. So, he could go out on the land and work for himself. The land seemed inexhaustible. The people pre-empted vast empires. The government gave away other vast empires,

kind it was easy to make millions of 43 partners; much easier than it is for the dear people to pay enough for steel and iron to insure interest and dividends on the watered stocks of the trust, increased to their present volume to make Mr. Carnegie's 43 partners millionaires, and himself a millionaire several hundred times over.—*Farm, Stock and Home.*

with a prodigious and unrighteous hand, to the railroads. The population increased enormously. The land was steadily taken up until it is now practically all gone. No sooner had it begun to show signs of exhaustion, than extreme poverty, and even starvation, began to make their appearance. The matter has gone on from bad to worse until now there are a lot of men out of employment and millions of the people suffer constantly from lack of a sufficient quantity of the bare necessities of life. There is no way to create more land. And, if we could do so, it would no longer act as an escape, for it now requires a goodly amount of money to go out on the land, on account of the complexity and expensiveness of modern agricultural machinery. Furthermore, even if we could create more land, and even if the unemployed had the money to take advantage of it, it would still be merely an escape from starvation, not from exploitation.

What we need is the collective ownership and operation of the exploiting industries. In other words, for the whole people to own those industries which they have to use in order to get their living.

Then, if there are not jobs enough to go around, we can merely shorten the hours of labor and make all the jobs that are needed.

And we can pay ourselves the full value of the product, instead of letting a few capitalists gouge us out of most of it as we do now.

You all remember how General Grant gradually drew his lines about the enemy, fortifying here, encroaching there, until, upon receiving from the enemy a proposal regarding terms of capitulation, he was in position to fire back that bold reply, "No terms except an unconditional and immediate surrender can be accepted. I propose to move immediately upon your works."

Comrades of America, do you want to get in position to demand the unconditional and immediate surrender of the beleaguered rem-

nant of the hosts of capitalism?

If so, there is but one way to get in that position. It is the way that was adopted by General Grant.

We must surround the enemy.

We must draw our lines ever closer and closer.

We must fortify here.

We must encroach there.

We must strengthen everywhere.

In short, we must organize. The secret of success is summed up in the word organization. Whenever we have half a million dis-satisfied members, we will be in position to demand and receive the unconditional and immediate surrender of the enemy. We will be able to elect the president, the congress, and most of the local officials.

There is no other way whatsoever.

An invincible organization is the thing, and the only thing that will bring us victory.

We have made a mighty good start. We have doubled our organization in a short period of time. But we can accelerate the pace if we try. There is all manner of raw material for us to work on. It is waiting for us. It is waiting for us to come and mold it into forms.

Shall we do it?

Of course we shall.

We can begin to participate in the political affairs of the nation whenever we want to. If we have the money and the enthusiasm and the self-sacrifice, we can elect some congressmen in 1910. If we have the necessary amount of resolute vigor and bold initiative, we can carry the country in a very few years and plant our banner upon the national capital.

We will do that whenever we have half a million aggressive members.

And we will begin to reap the results long before we reach the goal.

The recent election has removed some of the worst obstacles to our progress.

There never was a time when the expenditure of time, energy, or money for the cause would bring such swift and satisfactory returns as right now.

Forward is the word!

Let the whole line advance!

Iowa.

LABOR IN PARLIAMENT.

The Sidney (Australia) *Worker*, in a recent issue, contains the following statement as to the Labor party's representation in parliament and state legislatures: In the senate the Labor party has 16 representatives out of a total of 36, and in the lower house it has 26 representatives out of a total of 75. In the upper house of New South Wales, out of a total of 56 seats, 4

are occupied by members of the Labor party and 32 in the lower house of a total of 90 seats. Victoria, upper house, Labor party, 2 seats, total 34; lower house, Labor party, 14 representatives of a total of 65. Queensland, upper house, Labor party, 2, total of seats 43; lower house, Labor party 17 of 72 seats. South Australia, upper house, 3 Labor representatives, total 18; lower house, to Labor party, 42 seats. West Australia, upper house, Labor party not represented, seats 30; lower house, Labor party 17 of 50 seats. Tasmania, upper house, Labor party not represented; lower house, Labor party 7, total of seats 50. Thus out of a total of 111 seats in Parliament 42 are occupied by members of the Labor party, while the Labor representatives in the different state legislatures number 117. As this statement will show, the Labor party has not a majority in either house of parliament or the state legislatures, yet the capitalist parties being divided on several industrial or national issues, such as free trade, protective tariff and Greater Britannia, imperialism and expansion, the Labor party is in a position to wield a decisive influence in the political affairs of the country.

ONE PURPOSE OF SOCIALISM.

Until we gain industrial freedom we remain as a nation, one small part industrially free, the great mass slave. A nation divided against itself can not stand. Socialism, therefore, in advocating industrial democracy, is in perfect accord with the most fundamental principle of American life. Either apply the principles of democracy all along the line or democracy itself must eventually fail all along the line.—The Rev. George R. Lunn in the *Homiletic Review* (February).

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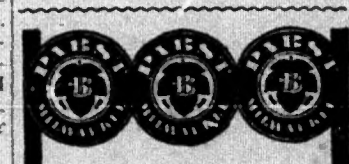
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THE PRINCIPLES WE ADVOCATE

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Today the machinery and the land used for industrial purposes are owned by a rapidly decreasing minority. So long as machinery is simple and easily handled by one man, it does not make its owners so powerful that they can dominate the sources of life of others. But when machinery becomes more and more complex and expensive, and requires for its effective operation the organized effort of many workers, its influence reaches over wider and wider circles of life. The owners of such machinery become the dominant class.

The Masses in Subjection.
In proportion as the number of such machine owners compared to all other classes decreases, their power in the nation and in the world increases. They bring ever larger masses of working people under their control, reducing them to the point where muscle and brain are their only productive property. Millions of formerly self-employed workers thus become the helpless wage slaves of the industrial masters.

The more the economic power of the ruling class grows, the less useful does it become in the life of the nation. The overwhelming bulk of the useful work of the nation falls upon the shoulders of the classes that either have no other productive property but their manual and mental labor power—the wage workers—or that have but little land and little effective machinery outside of their labor power—the small traders and small farmers. The ruling minority is steadily becoming useless and parasitic.

A bitter struggle over the division of the products of labor is waged between the exploiting property classes on the one hand and the exploited, propertyless class on the other. In this struggle the wage-working class cannot expect adequate relief from any reform of the present order or from the dominant class of society.

The wage workers are therefore the most determined and irreconcilable antagonists of the ruling class. They are also the class which

suffers most from the curse of class rule. The fact that a small number of capitalists is permitted to use all the country's resources and social tools for their individual profit, and to make the production of the necessities of our lives the object of their competitive private enterprises and speculations, is at the bottom of all the social evils of our time.

Modern Industry Planless.
In spite of the organization of trusts, pools and combinations, the capitalists are powerless to regulate production for social ends. Industries are largely conducted in a planless manner. Through periods of feverish activity the strength and health of the workers are mercilessly undermined, and during periods of enforced idleness the workers are frequently reduced to starvation.

The climax of this chaotic system of production are the regularly recurring industrial depressions and crises which paralyze the nation every fifteen or twenty years.

In its mad and reckless race for profits the capitalist class is bound to exploit the workers to the very limit of their endurance and to sacrifice their physical, moral and mental welfare to its own insatiable greed. Capitalism keeps the masses of workingmen in poverty, destitution, physical exhaustion and ignorance. It drags their wives from their homes to the mill and factory. It snatches their children from the playgrounds and schools and grinds their slender bodies and unformed minds into cold dollars. It wantonly disfigures, maims and kills hundreds of thousands of workingmen annually in mines, on railroads and in factories. It drives millions of workers into the ranks of the unemployed and forces large numbers of them into beggary, vagrancy and all forms of crime and vice.

Public Intelligence Corrupted.
To maintain their rule over their fellow men, the capitalists must keep in their pay all organs of the public powers, public mind and public conscience. They control the dominating parties and, through them, the elected public officials. They select our executives, bribe our legislatures and corrupt our courts of justice. They own and censor the press. They sway our educational institutions. They own the nation politically and intellectually just as they own it industrially.

The struggle between wage workers and capitalists grows ever fiercer, and has become the only vital issue before the American people. The wage-working class, therefore, has the most vital and

direct interest in abolishing the capitalist system. But in abolishing the present system, the workingmen will free not only their own class, but also all other classes of modern society: The small farmer, who is today exploited by large capital more indirectly but not less effectively than is the wage laborer; the small manufacturer and trader, who is engaged in a desperate and losing struggle for economic independence in the face of the all-conquering power of concentrated capital; and even the capitalist himself, who is the slave of his wealth rather than its master. The struggle of the working class against the capitalist class, while it is a class struggle, is thus at the same time a struggle for the abolition of all classes and class privileges.

Must Conquer the Political Power.

The private ownership of the land and means of production used for exploitation, is the rock upon which class rule is built; political government is its indispensable instrument. The wage-workers cannot be freed from exploitation without conquering the political power and substituting collective and democratic administration for private ownership of the land and the means of production used for exploitation.

The basis for such transformation is rapidly developing within the very bosom of present capitalist society. The factory system, with its immense machinery and minute division of labor, is rapidly destroying all vestiges of individual production in manufacture. Modern production is already very largely a collective and social process while the great trusts and monopolies which have sprung up in recent years have had the effect of organizing the work and management of some of our main industries on a national scale, and fitting them for national use and operation.

An End to Class Rule.

In the struggle for freedom the interests of the workers of all nations are identical. The struggle is not only national, but international. It embraces the world and will be carried to ultimate victory by the united workers of the world.

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A Colorado sign painter has become a convert to Socialism and has celebrated the fact by painting the dead walls about his house and barn with large posters setting forth the main ideas of the movement.

Socialists generally will commend the protest to the national office by National Committeeman Baldwin of Fairhope, Ala., against the coarse language indulged in by the members of the national committee from Washington in recent referendums proposed to the national committee, we feel sure.

The Chicago *Daily Socialist* has exposed and succeeded in having officially stopped the sweatbox system long in vogue in the debtors' court in that city, in which shyster lawyers put debtors under an inquisition without a presiding judge. Now the scoundrels are looking blue over the loss of their game.

PARTY NEWS.

By a recent referendum, C. W. Barzee, Portland, Ore., has been re-elected a member of the national committee, and Thomas A. Sladden, Portland, was re-elected state secretary.

To State Secretaries, Notice! Owing to the fact that the reports of several states of the vote for national party officers, in the 1906 election, were received too late to be counted, the national executive committee at that time adopted the following motion:

"That hereafter the votes of all national referendums shall not be counted in the national office until after the expiration of ten days after the close of the referendum."

In accord with the above motion, the tabulation of the votes for national officers and on Referendum C-1908, will be made up Feb. 10, and all properly certified reports then in hand will be included.

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Here's the way the headline writer of the *Miners' Magazine* captioned the news of Gompers' sentence to jail: "Gompers Votes for Capitalism and Gets Twelve Months of it." Not so wide of the mark!

WINNING A CLIMATE.

That climatic conditions have changed in Southern Minnesota all old settlers will agree. The deadly blizzards such as those of January 5, 1872, and Feb. 12, 1873, are unknown at the present time, and the rainfall is far greater now than it was in that early day. At least that

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS ASSAILED!

Milwaukee Social-Democratic Aldermen Trying to Save the Schools from Mayor Rose's Scheming.

Milwaukee: The Social-Democrats took up the cudgels for the public schools in the city council last Monday, and made enough progress so that the council decided not to put through the budget as it had been reported from committee, but to take it up for consideration next Monday, which is legally the last day on which it can be passed.

Under the former Rose administration the public schools were allowed to run down and no particular effort was made to furnish new buildings, so that clusters of barracks were set up around nearly every school. The schools have never caught up since, and lately an outraged citizenship secured special laws from the legislature by which, independently of the council, the people could vote money for the schools. At the last election they voted the schools \$360,000. Rose had made a demagogic

campaign on the basis of "more improvements and less taxes," and sought to get the people to vote as to get a large amount for street work. As a result his board of estimates cut the school fund down to \$120,000 in the budget, but in the finance committee, mainly through the protestations of the Socialists, among them Ald. Arnold, the school fund was placed at \$245,000, by putting off the rebuilding of the Michigan street bridge. Even at this Rose would gain his point. The affair has begun to stir the city, especially as it is dawning on the people that Rose is at his old game of hampering the public schools.

Evidently afraid the council might not dare to agree to the lessened amount for the schools even as contemplated by the compromise, Rose at the last minute played a new trick. He announced that another of the city bridges was about

to collapse (Buffalo street bridge), but experts were immediately brought in and it was shown to be a false alarm.

At Monday's meeting, Ald. Melms forced the fighting with one of the best speeches he has ever made in the council. When the question of the budget came up, no one seemed to know what to do. Then he sailed in, and for over a half hour spoke to the closest attention. He said he was aware that time had been spent on the budget, but that since the last meeting he had learned some things. It had been said that the school board had spent money extravagantly and the mayor had produced figures at a committee meeting to show this, but they were not honest figures, for they included the regular expenses of running the schools and paying teachers' and janitors' salaries. Investigation showed that the mayor's claim was ridiculous and that the schools needed and should get the full amount the people had voted them.

Profiting by the experience of Social-Democracy in other countries, the working-class members hope to secure the passage of many measures which will prevent some of the social ills that have accompanied the development of the capitalist system in other countries, thus strengthening their class for the further struggles which they must inevitably face.

Much aid is being had from the Legislative Reference Library, of which our members are availing themselves very gladly. While the service of this department cannot be partisan in any way, the masses of fact and law gathered for the benefit of all legislators is of great value to the Social-Democrats, who try always to keep to the facts, as well as to understand and profit by the existing laws wherever that is possible.

In many cases the germs of the principle, sought to be put into law by the Social-Democrats, is already contained in the law. One striking illustration is the bill introduced to provide for free text books in all public schools in the state. The present law provides that the school boards shall purchase books for all scholars whose parents or guardians are not able to furnish them. Striking out the underlined phrase is all that is necessary to provide a law which will compel every school board to provide free school books for every scholar. Further development of the principle will follow later, when the state has a state printing plant. But to secure this latter there must be a constitutional amendment. That takes time.

Half Hours in the Herald Sanctum

Correspondents are urged to write as briefly as possible and on one side of the paper only.

Dear Comrade: This is to respectfully protest against the giving of your valuable space to Moses Oppenheimer, who has been the main disturbing element in the New York City Socialist movement, the chief disrupter and obstacle to progress for several years.

Comrades Edmond Kelly, Robert W. Bruer and Upton Sinclair, whom he attacks with insults and misrepresentation in your current number, are devoting their lives, their trained intelligence, their proved and tested high moral character to the Socialist cause, practically all the time they can spare from their necessities. They are all fully trusted by those who know them. Moses Oppenheimer is a few years ago, through his misnamed "Proletarian Society," he tried to stir up suspicion and strife between the manual proletarian and the professional members of the party, and failed. Now that the movement is gaining ground better in New York than ever before, he would probably have still less success, so he starts to prejudice comrades elsewhere through the Socialist press of the country.

This effort to prejudice the more strictly proletarian members against the comrades in the professional ranks, while up suspicion and strife anywhere, is especially so in New York, which is the country's chief market for brains, and acting as a lure draws tens, even hundreds of thousands of professional people from all over the country—from the world, in fact. These unfortunate—for comparatively few do well financially—comprising a considerable portion of the city's population, mostly of the working class—if "working class" means anything at all, afford a most fertile field for Socialist propaganda.

Hereafter, comrades, when you see Moses Oppenheimer's name in the Socialist press, look first to find out what sort of strife he's trying to stir up. There's a key.

Murray S. Schloss.

Milwaukee, Jan. 24.

After Election Thoughts.

Another election has passed. We hope Taft will see to mending those dinner pails that lost their bottoms about a year ago. To the man who thinks, it is enough to chill every drop of his heart's blood to realize that his full dinner pail is threatened to be taken away from him by a set of men who never created a thing which fills that pail.

The white handed gentry of America and every other nation who have always lived in idle elegance and who never produced a bushel of grain, an

ounce of meat, nor a measure of fruit which the laborers' dinner pail contains, at each succeeding election warns the toilers, unless he obeys them at the ballot box that the things he himself created will be taken away from him and he and his family forced to live in want and misery because he fails to return political favors to the national feed trough by his ballot.

The man or men that will play on the ignorance and fears of labor by flaunting an empty dinner pail before their eyes is an enemy of labor and good government, and if they have the power to back up their threats, worse still, a traitor.

I am opposed to a system of the strong governing the weak for profits, because I believe any father, mother, brothers or sisters, my wife and babes, were created the equal of any other man or woman, and superior of him who lives in contented idleness, while his brother's back is bent by a load almost unbearable to support him in his idleness.

We are opposed to a system of master and slave because we could not help but be and realize that we belong to that class, who have been exploited by national plunderers since the creation of the world.

Why we are opposed to the system is because we are tired of eating the crust of the loaf we baked with our own hands.

The competitive system arranges every man against his fellows for a scheme of life. We cannot find any place in it for the establishment of the golden rule of our fathers, to do unto others as you would that they do unto you. Competition establishes another rule of, do other before they do you. It is all wrong and should be abolished. The people can change it if they will.

Why they will honest toilers be in want if they are today throughout the country surrounded with plenty produced by their own hands? They have built so many houses, they are compelled to live in shacks; made so many clothes, they have to go in rags; made so many shoes, they have to go bare-footed; dug so much coal, they have to shiver with cold. In fact, they have produced so much of everything, and have no money to buy it back. Therefore are obliged to suffer for the necessities of life.

We do not want the Jerris Jameses of commerce to divide with us their ill-gotten wealth. But we do want to change the system so as to loosen the grip of commercial pirates from the throat of honest toil.

Shame on a nation of working-men who will permit themselves to be forced to lick the hand of idleness and beg of her an opportunity to exercise their own willing arms.

By the number of votes cast Nov. 3 for Socialism, it looks as though labor has begun to lash their intellect into action, and are seeing themselves in their true condition, and are laying aside their ignorance and marching down the road to freedom.

De you suppose that the gold mines, the oil wells, the railroads, the street car lines, the gas plants, the

"I have here figures to show that for the eight years prior to 1898, when the mayor first went into office, bonds to the amount of \$1,225,000 were voted the schools, while for the eight years he was in office the school bonds amounted to much less, namely \$115,000 less, and for the first three years not a single cent was appropriated, and all this in spite of the fact that the population was increasing and that we were boasting of a greater Milwaukee and its increased school attendance. I find that when the present school board went into office there had already been passed an ordinance giving the principals and upper grade teachers an increase in pay amounting to \$80,000. This was saddled on the new board, and the board in all fairness, and for the good relations between teachers, had to raise the salaries of the 'under dogs' which made another \$60,000."

He read statistics to show that even at this most of the big cities of the country paid more to their teachers than Milwaukee. Not only had the school equipment been badly crippled during Rose's first three years in office, but the buildings that were put up during his regime were scandalously built, with large bills for extras, and even today the system had not caught up, and had still forty-nine barracks in use, besides several classes in basement rooms where artificial light had to be used part of the time. He pointed out also that the school books needed by a pupil in his course through the schools were now less in cost. Where they used to be \$15 the cost in 1904 was \$14.78 and at present \$11.54. Here was a saving of at least \$25,000. And the buildings now being put up were not boodle affairs and no extras would follow. There were \$17,000 of extras on the North Side High school building alone.

"I am not afraid to stand for the public schools," he said, glancing at certain aldermen. "My ward knows what the situation is. And I want to point out that if the compromise goes through there will be no new school for the 'Twenty-third ward.'"

It was Ald. Carney (D.), a local politician who has tried to use the Catholic church against the Socialists, who flew to the mayor's rescue. It was a fit selection. He was not against the public schools—of course not! But the school board had paid out money for grounds. He wanted the money to be put in schools. A poor reason is better than none! "Public sentiment don't carry with me," declared Carney. "Even when it is on the public schools. The people voted the school bonds because it was a sentimental matter." Then he scored the Social-Democrats and sat down. Ald. Fass (R.) also made a speech against the schools.

Ald. Melms, in his rejoinder, defended the securing of playgrounds. "We must spend money

electric light plants, and everything else that the people must use, were owned and controlled by the people, or the government, if you please; and if the government owned and controlled both the production and distribution of that which the people must use, that you could go to a single Morgan, Ryan, Rockefeller or any other millionaire in this country, and touch them up for from fifty thousand to two hundred thousand dollars for political purposes; never, as they would have no interest in having rogues elected to office as they would be as anxious to have honest men elected as labor."

As they would have no private ax to grind and would be compelled to become producers at once or go hungry themselves. Mark Hanna predicted that the issue after 1908 would be between Republicanism and Socialism, and by the demonstrations accorded Debs on his tour throughout the country, and the death blow donkey received, it looks as though the fight was on.

When the Sampsons of the common people let their hair grow until they get strength, and stir up their manhood at the ballot box, and vote for their own interests, there will be a revolution of hallois that will wipe commercial pirates out of existence, and in their place will be ushered in the ideal government, the Co-operative Commonwealth.

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By TEDDY

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"MAKING GOOD."

It was our late candidate for governor, H. D. Brown. He walked right in, left something here and walked right out again. Can you tell what it was? It was an 8x11 sheet filled with subs. That's going some.

That well-known Socialist hustler, Comrade Welch of Kansas, just tears them out by the roots. He never even looks around to see what damage is done; all he says is "Goodbye to you."

The Damrow Bros., of our Badger state all seem to work hand in hand for the *HERALD*. "Billie, the Kid," would like to know how it is done, comrades.

Comrade Jackson of Kenosha, is really the cause of a cracked inkwell on my desk. The ink got too low for my pen, so I had Billie clean it, before refilling. Knowing I was in a hurry to jot down the heavy receipt of subs, he used excessively heated water. To cool it off in a jiffy he used cold water. See the result? Click! If you can't dry up the next inkwell, comrade, with a bunch of subs.

From H. Sibert of Kansas, in part, as follows: "For the enclosed, please send me the *HERALD* for whatever length of time it will pay for. I am a farmer and have more time to read during the on the schools," he declared, "or we will have to spend it on more police stations, jails and courts!" He also reminded the aldermen that annexation would put new burdens on the school board. After some discussion a Republican alderman made a motion to postpone action and more than enough aldermen responded to put it through.

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Regular meeting, Jan. 20, 1909.
—Bro. Jos. Sultaire in the chair;
Bro. Jas. Sheehan, vice chairman.
All officers present. Minutes
read and approved.

New delegates seated from
Broom Makers No. 1, Carpenters
No. 188, Printing Pressmen No. 7,
Federal Labor Union No. 8002,
Box Makers and Sawyers No. 3,
Coopers No. 35, Steam Fitters and
Helpers No. 18, Iron Molders No.
166, Carpenters No. 1053, Carpen-
ters No. 1447, Upholsterers No. 29,
Sheet Metal Workers No. 24, Bak-
ers and Confectioners No. 205,
Iron Molders No. 121, Interior
Freight Handlers and Railway
Clerks No. 116, Bridge and Struc-
tural Iron Workers No. 8, Boot
and Shoe Workers No. 170, Bar
Tenders No. 64.

Installation of officers put over
until the Executive Board was
ready to report.

Moved to take up special com-
mittee report on West Side Turn
hall. Carried. Report laid over
until later.

The Building Trades Council re-
ported that it had taken up the pro-
posal to have a business agent for
the Board of Business Agents and
had postponed action in order that
the secretary could inform unions
not having a business agent of their
own. Report approved.

The Label Section reported hav-
ing donated \$5 to the State Federa-
tion of Labor to help on its work
for labor legislation. It was re-
ported that there were no union
label cigars at the bars of either the
Star or the Gayety theaters. Re-
port approved.

The committee on carnival tickets

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reported on the tickets so far dis-
posed of. Report also made on
Labor Day tickets. Reports ap-
proved.

The Executive Board reported
auditing the books at a special meet-
ing and finding same correct. The
receipts for the quarter were:
\$1,041.86, and the disbursements
\$839.93. The balance on hand
Oct. 1 was \$870.08, and the balance
on hand Jan. 6, \$900.13. The
board also audited the accounts of
Bro. Reichert as treasurer for the
sale of Labor Day tickets, finding
the amount received \$682.70 and
the amount still unpaid \$31.50. It
was found that Bro. Reichert had
paid over \$5.00 too much and this
was ordered returned to him. The
board at the special meeting also
recommended that Business Agent
Weber be granted leave of absence
to attend his legislative duties and
that Bro. Wm. Griebling be made
temporary business agent. Bro.
Weber and the board to be notified
when matters of importance oc-
curred. On motion the report of
the special meeting was approved
and recommendations concurred in.

The board then reported on its
regular meeting. The appointment
of a committee of three was re-
commended to draft resolutions on
the death of Bro. Henry Berst, a
copy to be sent the family and
spread on the minutes. Inasmuch
as there was a rumor that the A. F.
of L. officials would be approached
with an offer of executive clemency
in case the supreme court sustained
Judge Wright, the board recom-
mended that a committee of three
be appointed to draft resolutions of
disapproval of such a course. The
board appointed Bros. Jeske, Rader
and Fisher as a committee to re-
present the executive board at the
conference of the committee represent-
ing the various trades in the brew-
eries. A communication from the
Metal Polishers of Detroit, an-
nouncing that the Art Stove Co.
makers of Laurel stoves, was still
unfair to organized labor, was or-
dered read to council. A com-
munication from the Wisconsin
State Federation of Labor, asking
financial aid for the maintenance of
a legal advisor to appear at Mad-
ison on legislative measures, was
recommended to the affiliated lo-
cals. Carpenters No. 188 com-
plained that it had not received the
printed matter of the council meet-
ings and board recommended that
the local be informed as to how to
remedy the matter. The board
recommended that the secretary
notify the A. F. of L. of the change
in the office of financial secretary-
treasurer and have bond trans-
ferred. It also recommended that
the secretary of the board go to
bank with the old and new treas-
urers and have account transferred.
The board recommended for pas-
sage a set of resolutions by Dele-
gate Feeley (see elsewhere) on the
Rudowitz case, and that copies be
given the press and to the Rus-
sian Political Refugee league. The
board also urged the signing of ac-
companying petitions. The board
also referred to the council a re-
solution from Brewery Workers No.
9, which read as follows:

WHEREAS, The city now forbids
any person from expectorating in
the street cars and makes such persons
liable to arrest and fine in case of
such violation; and
WHEREAS, Spitting has grown to be
looked upon as one of the rights
of American citizenship, especially as
most people are obliged to spit, either
from the result of catarrhal or pul-
monary disease, from use of tobacco
or from the bad tastes in the mouth
due to modern habits of living; and
WHEREAS, The practice of ex-
pectorating into a handkerchief, even
where such an article is carried, is
frowned upon by the medical frater-
nity and others as a filthy and an un-
healthy practice; therefore

RESOLVED, That we hereby de-
mand of the health department that
before it prosecutes persons for spit-
ting in the cars, it require the street
car companies to provide spittoons,
and that we suggest that same take
the form of small circular holes cut in
the car floors, with lids that can be
moved with the feet, so as to keep
out the cold air—this form being the
least objectionable from the stand-
point of cleanliness; that the car
companies be required to have same
cleaned at least twice daily, inasmuch
as it would be impossible for most
spitters in a swaying car to aim their
expectorations with precision and
such cleansing would therefore be-
come a necessary piece of sanitation.

The resolution was adopted, 95
to 32. An appeal of the Philadel-
phia street railway men was read
to council. On motion the report of
the executive board was ap-
proved and recommendations con-
curred in.

The new officers were obligated.
The chair appointed Bros. Fee-
ley and Schwab to complete the
committee on the Gompers case.
Bros. Coleman, Griebling and
Reichert were appointed to pre-
pare resolutions on the death of
Bro. Berst.

A complaint of the printers
against the Jaffe quartette was
made. The printers were asked to
go to the musicians.

The committee on the West Side
Turn hall matter reported that the
turn hall people refused any fur-
ther conference. Moved to give
the committee further time. Moved
that the committee be discharged
and delegates to report back that
the hall has been repaired by non-
union labor. Motion to grant fur-
ther time lost. Motion to report
back, carried.

Acting Bus. Agt. Griebling an-
nounced that the Fur Workers had
been organized and urged that all
fur workers be notified through the
delegates to attend the next

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THE PHILADELPHIA STRIKE.

Amalgamated Association of
Street and Electric Railway Em-
ployes sends out the following facts
in regard to the street railway strike
in Philadelphia:

"In the fore part of last April
the men employed by the Chester
Traction company found that their
already small wages had been re-
duced from eighteen cents per
hour to sixteen and two-thirds
cents; they refused to accept this
cut in their wages which were not
enough for them to support their
families decently.

"They organized a local union of
the Amalgamated Association of
Street and Electric Railway Em-
ployes of America and demanded
that the old rate be restored.

"The Traction company refused
to consider anything but the reduc-
tion, with the result that the men
were forced into a contest which
has been on ever since (nearly
seven months). During this time
the men have carried on a splendid
fight, while the company, with the
assistance of the state constabulary,
Pinkertons and other strike-break-
ing hordes, are endeavoring to
break the strike.

"The latest move on the part of
the company is the arrest of Or-
ganizer P. J. Shea, William Lock-
hart, president of the division, and
eleven other members who were
active in carrying on the fight.
These brothers have been arrested
on trumped-up evidence furnished
by a Pinkerton who was a member
of the Brotherhood of Trainmen,
who joined that body in order that
he might better furnish the kind
of evidence his employers wanted.

"The trial is now on at Media,
Pa., the county seat of Delaware
county, the charges against the ar-
rested men being conspiracy and
destroying property of the com-
pany, the state witness, a Pinkerton
(Wacker by name).

"It is absolutely necessary that
the strikers secure the very best
legal talent to defend our brothers.
As it will require a large sum of
money for this purpose, we are un-
able to furnish the full amount, on
account of our members being on
strike for the past seven months.
We therefore appeal to our fellow
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meeting to be held Jan. 27 at 318
State street.

The Asbestos Workers reported
that the Keasley Co., and the Johns-
Manville people refused to hire
union men. The Label section
announced that its next meeting
would be held Jan. 28, and urged
new delegates to bring their cred-
entials.

Receipts.
Bill Poster and Billers No. 12 \$1.44
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ONE "DECISION" FOR LABOR.

The Call, N. Y.: The United
Garment Workers of America have
won a notable victory in the Mary-
land Court of Appeals on the ques-
tion of the illegality of blacklist-
ing. As reported in *The Call* a
few days ago, the facts in brief
were as follows:

A member of the union working
in a shop in Baltimore was dis-
charged by his employer for having
advised a fellow employee to de-
mand higher wages. Soon after-
ward he discovered that his em-
ployer, not content with discharg-
ing him, had written a letter to all
the other clothing manufacturers
in the city, asking them to bar this
man from employment in any of
their shops. The letter had its ef-
fect, for at every association shop
where he applied he was refused
employment. He thereupon sued
his former employer for damages.
The court at first instance non-
sued him, the jury complying with
the charge given it by the judge
that there was no ground of action.
The Court of Appeals has now
overruled the trial judge's decision
and holds that the blacklisting let-
ter did injury to the workman, that
it was malicious injury, and that it
constituted ground for an action
for damages. The case will go back
to the lower court for retrial in ac-
cordance with this ruling.

The victory is, we say a notable
one. Its importance, however,
should not be exaggerated, either
as to its positive effect or as to the
judicial attitude which it indicates.
Over against this favorable de-
cision of the highest court of one of
the states, holding that the use of
the blacklist constitutes a legal
claim for damages, stands the de-
cision of the United States Su-
preme court, declaring unconstitutional
an act of congress forbidding
railway corporations to discharge
men for belonging to labor organ-
izations, and distinctly affirming
the right of employers to employ
or discharge men at their pleas-
ure, for any reason or no reason.

TRADES COUNCIL RESOLU- TIONS ON RUDOWITZ.

WHEREAS, Organized labor recog-
nizes that before true political and
industrial liberty can come to all the
workers of the world, such political
and industrial liberty must be uni-
versal; that as long as there is a spot
on this earth where man is either the
political or industrial slave of an-
other, so long has men to contend
with the forces that disintegrate his
future state of happiness; and

WHEREAS, In Russia, for over a
century, the master minds and hearts
of the people have been struggling
for such political and industrial lib-
erty, and millions of lives have been
offered at the altar of sacrifice in
that true cause of human emancipa-
tion; and

WHEREAS, from time to time, the
revolutionary spirit, which is forever
smoldering like a silent volcano, has
shot forth its missiles into the ty-
rants' palaces and prisons, in the
hope of destroying that condition of
affairs which keeps men in human
bondage; and

WHEREAS, In one of the late
revolutions in Russia, for industrial
and political freedom, men, women
and children have given their best
efforts and their lives for that glorious
cause, knowing that if caught, their
fate would be punishment, torture,
an death; and

WHEREAS, The number of such
persons who have met with torture
and death during the late Russian
revolution which is still going on in
the Balkan region, have exceeded in
number the lives taken at the battle
of Gettysburg; and

WHEREAS, Among the heroes
who fought for industrial and political
freedom in this great revolution, have
been Jan Pouten and Christian Ru-
dowitz, who, by a stroke of fortune,
have been able to escape the Russian
tortures and come to this land, to
which every person who ever thought
of liberty looked as a haven and
refuge; and

WHEREAS, Of late the Russian
government has by some means un-
known to the great public of this
country, gotten into closer touch with
the diplomatic, political and judicial
forces of this country, to the great
danger of our political institutions of
liberty and freedom, shocking the
very traditions upon which they were
founded; and

WHEREAS, The Russian govern-
ment has been permitted to have its
agents in this country to ferret out
Russian revolutionists, in order that
they may be sent back to Russia for
torture and death, and the United
States government has sent spies to
Russia in order that Russia may have
sufficient evidence upon which a
formal charge against them may be
sustained, in order to justify this gov-
ernment in the eyes of the public,
that it was but proper that they
should be extradited; and

WHEREAS, It is an established
fact, beyond contradiction, that Jan
Pouten and Christian Rudowitz are
political offenders, and that the Rus-
sian government would never seek
their extradition to it if they were
not, that the sole purpose of extradi-
ting them is to make it a basis for
procuring the extradition of others,
so that their tortures and deaths may
be held up as a horrible example to
the other revolutionists of Russia,
that if one raises his voice and has
against that monarchy of slavery and
despotism, at the end of him shall
be torture and death—and nowhere
upon this earth may he find a place
of refuge;

THEREFORE, We, The Federated
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friends in the fight for human liberty
of whatever form, for mankind, of
whatever race, color or creed, to be-
lieve with protest against the methods
foregoing, and do here petition, in the
name of American liberty, the Presi-
dent of the United States and the
congress of this our republic, that the
Russian petition for the extradition
of Rudowitz and Pouten be denied;
and

WE FURTHER PETITION the
President of the United States and
congress in memory of the great
heroes of the revolution, in the name
of Washington, Jefferson, Paine,
Adams—in the name of Valley
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Wisconsin State Organization Department

CARL D. THOMPSON, 344 Sixth Street, Milwaukee, Wis., state organizer; to whom news and other matters for this department should be sent.

GREENVILLE.—District Organizer Sandburg spent some time here recently and has made an appointment for a propaganda meeting to be held on Feb. 17. He left literature with Comrade Brown and also advertised for the meeting. It is quite likely that a local can be organized here soon and quite certain after the men return from the lumber camps where several have gone for the winter.

SANDBURG.—The district organizer is working in Neenah, Menasha and Kaukauna, hoping to revive the interest in Socialism there, and, if possible, the organizations. He has sent out mimeographed letters to the locals in his district pertaining to general organization work.

FOND DU LAC.—The comrades report that the lecture given by Comrade Brown here last week was the largest attended lecture that the Socialists have ever had in Fond du Lac. The comrades had sold tickets at ten per admission and cleared all expenses for the first time in the history of the local.

RICHLAND CENTER.—Comrade Waters is keeping the interest in Socialism alive by making an effort to get one of our Socialist lecturers on the regular lecture course there at Richland Center. She is also making an effort to get one number on the public school course. Some of the non-Socialists are reading some of the better literature on Socialism, and getting wise on our general philosophy.

MADISON.—The minister of the Congregational church in Madison has arranged for Comrade Gaylord to speak before his class in social problems at 12 o'clock, noon, on Jan. 31. The subject assigned him is, "Why I am a Socialist." Comrade Thompson has been engaged to speak

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Fighting Graft in Manitowoc County.

The storm center in the fight against graft has been in Manitowoc county for the last two weeks.

Last Saturday night a jury of twelve men rendered a verdict of "guilty of criminal libel" against Comrade Fred Althien, editor of the *Two Rivers Reporter*. The penalty for this crime is a fine of from one to two hundred and fifty dollars or imprisonment in the county jail for a term of not exceeding six months.

The trouble is about a printing graft in Two Rivers. The Socialist papers have such an annoying way of insisting on exposing the "respectable" citizens, and eminently "moral" capitalist officials who indulge in these highly laudable episodes called grafting.

Several months ago there was a job of printing to be let by the city council in Two Rivers. There were two bids offered, one for \$350 and the other for \$200. The paper that offered to do the work for \$150 more got the job.

Of course this is not the first time that bids have been let by city councils to the highest bidder.

Comrade Althien who is editor of the *Reporter*, and member of the local Social-Democratic party there, did not hesitate to call the attention of the public to these facts and raised the cry of alarm.

Incidentally he also brought to the attention of the public the fact that the man prominent in the graft affair was a saloonkeeper. He was also a member of the city council and voted for the higher bid. He was also a member of the police committee whose moral responsibility to the community was to see that its laws were obeyed.

It came out in court that this man a public official and officially connected with the police department, was violating the city ordinances concerning the conduct of his saloon. And in connection with it several things were shown to have happened that looked pretty shady.

Comrade Althien did not mince words about these matters, but called the gentleman by his right name. He charged that he was morally corrupt.

On the basis of these two charges of grafting and corruption, Althien was sued for criminal libel and found guilty.

As soon as the verdict was known the spirit of it all came quickly to the front. The capitalist papers began to gloat over the victory. In big headlines the Manitowoc *News* announced Althien's conviction. This paper told the story of the case somewhat as follows:

"For the second time within a year juries of twelve men have given warning to editors that they cannot with impunity assail the character of respected citizens." The respected citizen referred to in this case was the saloon keeper who was violating the city ordinances and voted to give the printing to a paper that charged the city \$150 more than other bids. It is against exposing things of this sort that the capitalists are using their courts to ruin Socialist editors.

"About two years ago," the *News* goes on, "Althien, a rampant Socialist, conceived the idea that he had missed his vocation by slaving as a moldier and launched a newspaper venture in our northern suburb and immediately began burning up the earth with fiery editorials, especially the spot on which the city of Two Rivers was located. He was the Moses dug out of the sawdust piles of that burg to revolutionize the political interests and to turn the management of city affairs over to the Socialists."

After reviewing the case of Comrade Wright, editor of the Manitowoc *Tribune*, who, about a year before had been similarly fined \$200 for exposing corruption in Manitowoc, the *News* adds: "These two convictions of Socialist editors, on the charge of criminal libel will probably have the effect of taming them down a bit." How much they are tamed will be seen below.

The *Herald*, another capitalist paper in Manitowoc, commented upon the case in the same spirit in its editorial by saying: "Althien's conviction is the second for criminal libel in local courts within a year, and will be applauded by all fair-minded citizens who condemn the license which has been taken by a certain class of newspapers in attacking public officials and respectable citizens and subjecting them to annoyance and injury to character." So it seems that exposing graft is very annoying to the high-minded editors of capitalist papers. In fact, it is annoying to the whole capitalist system. Quite annoying! And it must be stamped out, they think. And so they rejoice at this verdict of the courts. And now they think they have silenced the Socialists.

How little they reckon with their host. How little they understand the moral enthusiasm and the mighty convictions of the Socialists.

Within the next few weeks after the conviction of Comrade Wright for criminal libel a year ago, the *Tribune* began an expose of grafting in the printing in Manitowoc county with the same fearlessness and searching arraignment with which he attacked the grafters there and finally succeeded in saving the county nearly \$1,800 in its printing. That is how their criminal libel suit silenced the *Tribune* in Manitowoc.

And the response to the conviction of Comrade Althien in Two Rivers will be just as prompt and effective. In the next issue after his conviction the Manitowoc *Tribune*, our Socialist daily in Manitowoc, published the following editorial:

"KEEP IN LINE!"

"The reprehensible villany of a certain local organ made itself apparent on Saturday night in connection with the Althien libel suit. To that organ this newspaper wishes to fling back the answer that the Social-Democrats never say die, that they never can be defeated, that they never will give up UNTIL THEY HAVE CONQUERED THE WORLD!"

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Tuesday, March 9—"Greece and the Islands of the Mediterranean." Twenty-first District school No. 2, Ninth and Ring streets; Eighth street car.

Wednesday, March 10—"Rome—The Eternal City." Twenty-first District school No. 3, Fraternity street and Concordia avenue; Holton street car.

Thursday, March 11—"Alaska and the Klondike." Eighteenth District school No. 2, Bartlett street and Lincoln avenue; Oakland avenue car.

Friday, March 12—"Famous Cities of Italy." Seventeenth District school No. 1, Dover street, west of Kinickinnick avenue; Delaware avenue or Howell avenue car lines.

Saturday, March 13—"Hawaii." Twenty-third District school No. 1, Sixteenth avenue and Mineral street; National avenue or Greenfield avenue car lines.

Monday, March 15—"Egypt and the Nile." Nineteenth District school No. 2, Thirty-seventh and Walnut streets; Vliet of Walnut street car lines.

Tuesday, March 16—"Paris and the Netherlands." Sixth District school No. 1, Third and Galea streets; Third or Walnut street car lines.

Wednesday, March 17—"Switzerland and the Rhine." Fifth District school No. 1, Hanover and Park streets; All South side car lines pass Park street.

Thursday, March 18—"The Romance of Science." Eighth District school No. 1, Mineral street and Seventeenth street; National avenue or Washington street car lines.

Friday, March 19—"London and the British Isles." Twelfth District school No. 2, Mount street, north of Lincoln avenue; Delaware avenue car.

Saturday, March 20—"Constantinople." South Division High school, Latham street and Eighth avenue; Mitchell street, Sixth Avenue or Greenfield avenue car lines.

Poisons, the Body and Health. Illustrated with colored slides by Dr. A. H. Brundage.

Saturday, March 20—"Poisons and Poisoning." West Division High school, Prairie and Twenty-second streets; State street car line.

Monday, March 22—"Care of the Body." Fifth District school No. 1, Hanover and Park streets; All South side car lines pass Park street.

Wednesday, March 24—"Hints on Health." Tenth District school No. 1, Thirtieth and Lloyd streets; Twelfth street or North avenue car.

Friday, Feb. 26—"American History." Twentieth District school No. 2, Twenty-second and Center streets; North avenue or Twelfth street car.

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- 20 Fourth—Knives and Forks, by Theodore Twelmeyer, 2111 North avenue.

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- 21 First—Suit of Clothes, by Nic Petersen, 2716 North avenue.
- 22 Second—\$8.00 Cash, by Social-Democratic Party.
- 23 Third—Fancy Vest, by Geo. Gares & Co., 2812 North avenue; Ink Stand, by Alexander & Moser Co., 2101 North avenue.
- 24 Fourth—Beer Stein and Tobacco Jar, by Edward Schuster & Co., Eleventh and Winnebago streets.

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- 27 Third—Footwear, by A. C. Schwiter, Jr., 2526 Fond du Lac avenue; Footwear, by The Boston Shoe Store, Fourteenth and Vliet streets; Neck Scarf, by Hahn Bros. Clothing Co., 307 Grove street and 537 Twelfth street; Table, by T. B. Schreier, 2730 North avenue.
- 28 Fourth—Box of Cigars, by C. Klopff, 836 Kinickinnick avenue; Table, by Charles H. Frantz, 431 Grove street.

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- 30 Second—Mirror, by Archie Tegtmeyer, 392 National avenue; Razor, by Dobl & Busse, 405 Grove street.
- 31 Third—Merchandise, by Frank J. Kuhlmann, 328 Grove street; Merchandise, by G. Burckhardt, 451 Grove street.
- 32 Fourth—Vase, by Leon Abraham, 3204 North avenue; Cut Glass, by Sindorf & Stein, 1112-1114 Vliet street.

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- 33 First—Dental Work, by W. C. Young, 416 Germania Building.
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- 35 Third—Olive Spoon, by Aug. Bringe, 547 Twelfth street; Fruit Dish, by Charles Erath, 2001 Fond du Lac avenue.
- 36 Fourth—Welsbach Lamp, by J. H. Disseler, 318 Grove street; Merchandise, by The Eleventh Avenue Flower Store, Mrs. A. Kaiser, 503 1/2 Eleventh avenue.

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To the Editor of the *HERALD*: If those Milwaukee "reformers" who are so sure that the existence of political parties is responsible for the corruption and inefficiency of municipal administrations wish to observe the manner in which their theory works in actual practice they have not far to go. In the city of Green Bay, this state, partisan politics has for years been eliminated from city affairs. No candidate for city office has stood as the candidate of any party (except the Social-Democrats in recent years). The corrupting (?) influence of the name "Democrat" or "Republican" has not been felt in that city in local affairs and the example ought, to these "reformers" at least, be worth studying.

My knowledge, gained through an experience of ten or twelve

years of newspaper work in that city, indicates conclusively to me that non-partisanship in city politics MAKES IT MUCH EASIER FOR THE INTERESTS to absolutely control a city government. Mayors of Green Bay were for many years selected by a little clique of men who owned the public utilities, these officials being either men of ability, whose interests were those of the big business class, or nonentities who were mere figureheads, easily controlled.

To the aforesaid "business men" this condition of affairs was pre-eminently worthy of praise and they were loud in extolling the merits of the non-partisan plan. True, there were few contests in city politics except occasionally for minor positions.

Any real opposition to the rule of "business men" was quickly smothered by the cry that "we mustn't introduce partisanship in city affairs. Let's not have any contest. We've picked out a good man for mayor now we should all support him. We must not get into any wrangle over city affairs, but elect a 'business administration,' as we have always done in the past with such good results," and so on, in that old, familiar "business" style.

The result of this plan was that the grip of "business interests" on the city was securely clinched. Any old kind of a franchise asked for was for many years granted freely. All these franchises, some of which were purely speculative, were absorbed by a SINGLE CORPORATION until the chances that the people of Green Bay might some day own the sources of their supply of LIGHT, WATER, FUEL, TRANSPORTATION,

etc., are about as remote as in any city in the land.

In another direction faith in the non-partisan idea as exemplified in Green Bay was widely justified when a GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION revealed an extent of GRAFT and CORRUPTION in city affairs probably not surpassed in any of the smaller cities of the state.

Non-partisanship certainly did not prevent corruption. It placed in office men for whom, no political party would have "stood"—and that is saying a good deal.

It resulted in city affairs being run absolutely in the interests of the business class, which means that the people in reality had no voice in their local government.

These Milwaukee "reformers" who see in non-partisan city government a panacea for all municipal political evils, should study the workings of their plan at Green Bay. J. E. Harris, Sturgeon Bay.

AT THE THEATERS.

DAVIDSON.

Gertrude Hoffmann, in her imitations and famous dances, "A Vision of Salome" and "Mendelssohn's 'Spring Song,'" all of which are *Bare Facts*, has been the sensation in New York, and will make her so here with "The Mimic

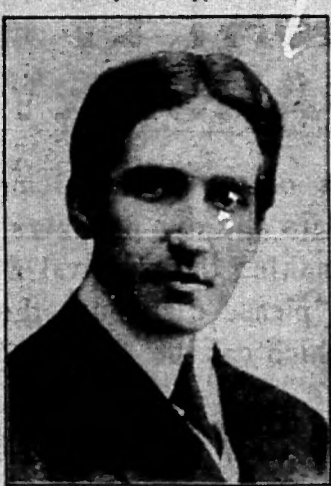


World," at the Davidson next week. "The Mimic World" is one of the most magnificent productions ever made by the Shuberts, and is resplendent with magnificent costuming and beautiful girls of many types. Nearly every success of 1908 is woven into the fabric of entertainment and there is a lot of specialties, fun, dances, new music and bright and up-to-date songs.

EMPIRE. Chris Lane & Co., a musical comedy, entitled, "The Man Behind," is the feature of next week's bill at the Empire. Other acts are: Theo and her Dancing Dandies; Grey & Peters, comedy cycle experts; Geo. Mawin, eccentric comedian; a new illustrated song by Geo. Malchow, and the latest motion pictures, entitled, "Arizona."

BIJOU.

The mystery attached to the marvellous and ingenious creations of Thurston, who is now Kellar's successor, is attracting large audiences to every theater where he appears. The program includes many interesting, surprising and amusing features, notably the appearance this



season of Paul Kliest, a famous European headliner in vaudeville, known as "the musical clown," and whose black art especially has won a large salary for him abroad for several years. Thurston promises the most brilliant and pleasing entertainment ever seen here. The engagement begins at the Bijou Sunday matinee.

ALHAMBRA. "The Prince of Tonight" opens at the Alhambra theater, beginning Sunday. From Harry Woodruff down the principals in the new Adams, Hough and Howard musical play are stars, each capable of filling the title role in any ordinary production. Georgia Caine is pos-



sessed of one of the most wonderful soprano voices now to be heard on the stage. Other members of the cast will be Adele Rowland and Frances Demarest. Miss Rowland has made a distinct hit in "Miss Hook of Holland." Miss Demarest gives up her position as prima donna with Eddie Foy.

Miner's "Americans" open at the Star next week. The vehicle for

the exploitation of fun, music, comedians and beautiful girls is an original burlesque by Guy Bragdon, entitled "Morocco Bound." The scenery is said to be gorgeous, and the costumes never before equalled. All in all, it is claimed that Miner's "Americans" are setting a pace that will be hard for other burlesque companies to follow.

MAJESTIC.

Cherish Simpson, Milwaukee's own prima donna, heads the bill at the Majestic next week, in selections from her light opera successes. The Seven Pierrots, a company of entertainers, whose work has been one of the features of the famous holiday pantomimes at the Drury Lane theater, London, also appear. Other features: Hall McAllister & Co., in "The Girl of the Times"; Frank Gardiner and Lottie Vincent in "Winning a Queen"; the Vindobonas, European musical artists; Belle Hathaway's Simian playmates; Raymond and Caverly, German comedians; Black and Jones, dancing comedians, and the Kinodrome pictures.

GAYETY.

"The World Beaters" company, J. Herbert Mack's big offering, will open a week's engagement at the Gayety theater tomorrow with a matinee performance. The company has fifty high class entertainers and of this number thirty-five are handsome girls. This clever band of fun producers is one of the largest and best organizations in the burlesque field. The opening extravaganza is entitled, "Wideawake Slumberland." The closing extravaganza is entitled, "The \$5,000 Purse."

CRYSTAL.

At the Crystal: Willard Dashfields & Co., in scenic playlet; The Fays; May Dedelle and her scarecrows; The Florence Troupe of acrobats; Ada James, in illustrated songs; and the Crystalgraph.

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1 of Brantwood	1.50
1 of West Allis	3.00
21 of Milwaukee	15.00
15 of Milwaukee	3.00
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12 of Milwaukee	22.50
1 of Wausau	3.00
14 of Milwaukee	9.00
13 of Milwaukee	3.00
11 of Milwaukee	12.00
9 of Milwaukee	6.00
Bohemian Branch of Milw.	4.00
8 of Milwaukee	3.00
1 of Town of Lake	3.50
2 of Milwaukee	6.00
10 of Milwaukee	6.00
23 of Milwaukee	6.00
Finnish Branch of Superior	5.00
Finnish Branch of Milwaukee	2.00
1 of Chasom	2.00
1 of Prentice	3.00
1 of North Milwaukee	.45
	\$124.85

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1 of Watertown	.45
1 of Brookhead	0.90
German Branch of Kenosha	9.00
1 of Monticello	2.25
Polish Branch of Racine	3.00
7 of Racine	3.00
Finnish Branch of Kenosha	3.00
Danish Branch of Racine	3.00
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1 of Green Bay	3.00
2 of Green Bay	6.00
2 of Manitowoc	1.05
1 of Oshkosh	6.00
2 of Manitowoc	1.05
1 of Manitowoc	5.00
1 of Kewaunee	6.00
1 of Sturgeon Bay	3.00
1 of Green Bay	6.00
	\$37.10

Donations

County Central Committee, for electric lighting	5.76
Sale of literature	7.35
County Central Committee, long distance telephone	2.80
County Central Committee, for hall rent advanced	25.00
From C. B. Whitnall, treasurer	40.00
Total receipts	\$316.07
Cash forward from November	3.84
Total	\$320.81
Expenditures:	
C. B. Whitnall, treasurer	\$100.42
W. A. Jacobs, on salary	32.36
Postage	14.55
Cleaning Office	2.00
H. Thiele Co., electric light	6.65
E. Vogt, salary	30.00
Typewriter Supplies	1.00
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Express	.50
Telephone service	8.65
Map	1.35
Long distance telephone	3.10
Map fixtures	.25
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The West Side Women's club has donated \$30 to the campaign fund. This will help toward making that campaign deficit look like 30 cents. Thanks, ladies.

Say, you, don't forget that the Carnival happens tonight.

Don't forget that your suggestions for candidates for the spring election must reach this office on or before Feb. 7.

A Young People's League, with fourteen charter members was organized Friday evening, Jan. 22. Temporary officers were elected and committees appointed. Music was furnished by a violin quartette composed of Comrades Whitnall and Welch and Messrs Balzer and Rosenberg. At the second meeting of the league, which was held at Kasten's hall, Nineteenth and Vliet streets, a permanent organization was perfected. Comrades Seidel and Hoan delivered short addresses. The young people are entering into the work with great enthusiasm.

"Socialism and the Liquor Problem" will be the subject of Comrade Brown's address at the Ethical hall, 558 Jefferson street, tomorrow (Sunday) evening. The audience received Comrade Brown's address on "The Cry of the Children" last Sunday evening with a greater degree of enthusiasm than usual, and his presentation of the subject was certainly strong and convincing. The musical program was supplied by Dr. and Mrs. Niemann and Mr. Schmidt, and was of an unusually high order. Comrade Andrew Bato, a Hungarian violinist, will furnish the program tomorrow night, assisted by Miss Evangeline Elser at the piano.

The fourth lecture of the course being held under the auspices of the Eleventh Ward Educational Society, S. D. P., proved a grand success. An audience which filled the hall greeted May Wood Simons, whose subject was, "Education and Socialism, or What We Demand for the Children." A lively discussion followed the lecture. The fifth lecture of the series will be held at L. Meier's hall, corner of Muskego avenue and Mitchell street, Sunday, February 14, at 2:45 p. m. State Senator Winfield R. Gaylord will lecture on "Man and Tools." Remember, the admission is free, and everybody is invited to attend.

Branch Meetings Next Week.

MONDAY.
Tenth Ward Branch, Spangenberg's hall, corner Twelfth street and North. South Side Young People's Socialist League, 553 Orchard street.

TUESDAY.
Town of Wauwatosa Branch, Rantz residence, Forty-eighth and State sts. South Side Women's Branch, Korsch hall, 653 Greenfield avenue.

WEDNESDAY.
First Ward Branch, 842 Arlington Place.
Town of Lake Branch, No. 2, Oklahoma and Chicago avenues.

THURSDAY.
Town of Greenfield Branch, H. Stark's hall, 1116 Lapham street.
Fifth Ward Branch, 382 Washington street.

Ninth Ward Branch, Kasten's hall, Nineteenth and Vliet streets.
S. D. Coming Nation Club, Oklahoma and Chicago avenues.

The Croatian Workingmen's Educational and Political Society, 164 Reed street.

FRIDAY.
Eighth Ward Branch, S. S. Turner hall, National avenue, betw. 2d and 3d avenues.
Second Ward Branch, 344 Sixth street.
Twenty-second Ward Branch, 2714 North avenue.

SATURDAY.
Jewish Branch, 427 Fourth street.

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If the Rev. H. C. Hengell really thought that Socialism is not the solution of the labor problem he would not be so worried, I guess!

The city hall gables are leaning. Well, wasn't the city hall a boodle undertaking from the start? I have been told by a city official in a position to know that the crooked work began even in the basement when the building was erected.

"Non-partisan" elections will add to Milwaukee's attractiveness—to the public service foxes. In fact, Beggs has already announced that he will give up his work in St. Louis to devote his talents to Milwaukee's brighter opportunities.

On motion of Supervisor Mensing the county board has instructed the laws and legislation committee and the district attorney to consider the imperfections of the present justice court system and to report at the next meeting.

Roosevelt says it is the duty of a soldier who sees wrong things going on in the service, to report them, no matter how big the officers concerned. We can easily imagine what would happen to a member of the Milwaukee fire department who took such advice to heart!

All honor to the school board for approving of the measure for a school physician. If the school physician will co-operate with the school physical culture instructor and arrange to have all non-robust children given special attention, the people will feel gratified indeed.

To think that the Charter convention should end its first important work by applying the gag rule! But the Hon. revolutionists in the convention, who wish to recklessly revolutionize the voting of the city, were not sure enough of their proposition, seemingly, to allow it to be discussed.

Meeting after meeting in the Charter convention wasted the delegates' time, and patience in listen-

ing to flatulent fulminations from Baron von Cotzhausen over trivial matters and then when really important business came on, the members were gagged and matters rushed through with indecent haste. This was quite to the liking of the baron, whose efforts to try to injure the people's trust in the convention's work was exhibited very early in the game.

The latest Stalwart scheme to prevent Milwaukee from getting the right to rule itself has been put forward by Assemblyman Cleary, who proposes, as Milwaukee is the only city of the first class in the state, that the legislators from Milwaukee be made into a Milwaukee committee of the legislature to pass on Milwaukee measures and needs and recommend necessary legislation. This could well be done, he says, as the other legislators come mostly from farming districts and are not posted as to city conditions and requirements. The idea is not a bad one, whatever the motive behind it, and it could be made to farther rather than hinder the giving of home rule to Milwaukee. It could not be a substitute for home rule. But it would tend to hold the Milwaukee representatives together, for in former legislatures, it has been often held that Milwaukee could not reasonably expect the outside members to favor its demands when its own representatives were fighting each other's measures.

During the special meeting of the common council last Monday the proceedings were disturbed by someone loudly talking somewhere in the council chamber, and the aldermen looked round and scowled in different directions, while the sergeant-at-arms and the officer on duty looked the lobby and the galleries over to find the disturber. And still the talking kept on and the interest in what was being said on the floor was completely broken. Then a discovery was made. Alder-at-large Adler had squeezed his way through a door into a little side room, marked off from the main chamber by a low thin board partition, and had taken possession of a telephone, installed there by some bright genius, and was holding a session of his own, and not in whispers, either. Something about the poor acoustics of the council chamber made it hard to tell where his voice came from. When

he rang off and squeezed his way out again, there were audible smiles and the meeting was able to proceed in peace. Another alderman-at-large to distinguish himself! And this reminds us: Alder-at-large Wittig insists that his ride through the streets in a patrol wagon last week was entirely voluntary on his part. And he calls attention to the fact that due to his protests the case did not come to trial.

At Monday's meeting of the aldermen Ald. Strehlow introduced the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the city attorney be and he is hereby directed to draft a bill for presentation to the legislature to amend section 4 of chapter 159 of the laws of 1852, striking out the word "exclusive" where same appears in the franchise of the Milwaukee Gaslight company, granted by the state.

The council committee on legislation has approved the bill by Ald. Melms for a city ice plant, and the one by Ald. Strehlow to permit the city to buy a stone quarry outside the city limits, and another by the same alderman permitting the city to itself bid on all public work, as is done so successfully in Toronto. A bill by Ald. Rummel for pay stations round the city for the water taxes was laid over to permit him to supply further facts.

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GAG RULE IN THE CHARTER CONVENTION!

The Social-Democratic members of the Charter convention left last Monday's meeting with the feeling that they had been accorded shabby consideration when the most important work of the entire convention was on: The proposal for non-partisan elections. There were so many objections to be urged to the plan—as Dr. Biehl, who got the chance before the gag was applied, well showed—that they felt it their right to be allowed to participate in and to hear a full discussion of the subject.

In this they were grievously disappointed. A three-minute gag rule was forced through and there was no opportunity for free discussion. Now the non-partisan idea may be a good one, although we hardly believe it, because it has a tendency to create no end of municipal misrule. At least we are suspicious. However, the spectacle of a gagged debate on such an important matter in such an important body is very far from being reassuring to the citizens of Milwaukee.

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Political Refugee Defense League

ALBERT J. WELCH, Secretary

Secretary of State Elihu Root, has rendered a decision, according to latest dispatches, that Christian Rudowicz shall not be expedited to Russia, as he is a political refugee.

This victory for the Political Refugee Defense League, however, does not end the work of the organization by any means. The case of Jan Pouren is still to be disposed of, and later on we must take up the cases of the Mexican refugees who are now confined in a Los Angeles prison. The league will be continued as a permanent organization to guard the interests of the political refugees of all countries in the future, and thereby prevent, if

possible, a repetition of cases similar to the Rudowicz case and the others mentioned. The probability is that the case of Jan Pouren will be taken up next unless a decision is reached shortly that will free him on the same grounds that Rudowicz was freed.

The cases of the Mexican refugees will no doubt be somewhat more difficult to handle as the citizens of the United States generally labor under the impression that Mexico is a republic in fact as well as in name. Although Mexico is called a republic, as a matter of fact, President Diaz is a dictator of the most pronounced type ever since he was elected to the presidency for the second time. The working people of Mexico have practically been denied the franchise and President Diaz is supported by the same world powers that kept the Russian czar on the throne, namely the great universal money power. Conditions in

Mexico are quite as bad for the common people as are the conditions in Russia, and we have the spectacle of a people living in a so-called republic still fighting for the same degree of liberty as is being fought for under the Russian autocracy. The work of the refugee league will not be complete until political liberty is obtained for the great masses of the people throughout the world.

Naval Academy Opening.
Senator R. M. LaFollette has one vacancy as midshipman in the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis to fill from the state of Wisconsin at large. He has decided to fill this vacancy by recommending the candidate standing highest in a competitive examination. At his request this examination will be conducted by the State Civil Service commission and will be held throughout the state at the same time as the state competitive examination, advertised for Feb. 27, 1909.

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